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(c) whether the observations made therein in paragraphs 113–117 and specially the observation in paragraph 117, viz., 'An official announcement in plain and emphatic terms to the effect that a British degree or training is in no way an essential qualification for the various Government appointments would be bound to have effect in the way of encouraging students to stay in their own country' have been considered by the Government and whether any such official announcement has been made by the Government; and

(d) whether in view of the observations above referred to, the Government have considered the desirability of removing the distinction between the degrees of foreign and Indian Universities in the matter of recruitment to the Educational services?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The Government have perused the report: the report is not one on which the Local Government are called upon to pass any orders.

(c) The Government have considered these observations but have not thought it necessary to issue an announcement as suggested.

(d) Does not arise, in view of the answer to clause (a).

Mr. T. S. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—"May I know whether even after the lapse of two years Government do not wish to pass any orders on the report of the High Commissioner for India, on the work of the Education Department?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"No, Sir."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—"May I know, Sir, when Government proposes to pass final orders?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I am not prepared to make a forecast now. I shall pass final orders as quickly as possible."

Reorganization of the Superior Educational Service.

*220-B *Q.*—Mr. T. SUNDARA RAO NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state whether final orders have been passed on the question of the reorganization of the Superior Educational Services?

A.—No.

Exemption to Muslims from compulsory elementary education.

*221 *Q.*—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state the Municipal towns in which compulsory elementary education is being enforced and such of the towns as have exempted Muslim children from its provisions and the reasons for doing so?

A.—Compulsory elementary education is in force in the Madras City and in the municipalities mentioned in the appended statement.[a] Muslim girls have been exempted from the operation of the compulsory education scheme in the municipalities of Erode and

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Cochin in accordance with the expressed wishes of the municipal council and the District Educational Council concerned respectively. In the City of Madras, the exemption of Muslim girls from the operation of the scheme has been sanctioned as a temporary measure pending the provision of adequate facilities for the education of girls of that community.

Mr V. T. ARASU :—" May I know whether in the City of Madras, Muslim boys are also exempted from the operation of the Compulsory Education Act ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I am not aware of any such thing."

Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" Are the Government aware that about 5,000 Muslim boys of school-going age are employed in beedi factories ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" Beedi factories do not come under education." (Laughter.)

Mr. V. T. ARASU :—" But those boys are all of the school-going age."

Grants to the Coimbatore Municipality for subsidizing Muslim schools.

* 222-A Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) in how many cases the Government refused to pay half-grant to the Municipality of Coimbatore for maintaining or subsidizing Muslim schools at Coimbatore ; and

(*b*) what is the reason, if any, for such refusal of grant ?

A.—(*a*) In one case.

(*b*) Leaving out of account the statutory contribution payable to local bodies under the proviso to section 37 of the Madras Elementary Education Act, 1920, the Government do not generally grant subsidies to local bodies towards the cost of elementary schools established and maintained by them or taken over by them from private managements. Government however subscribe to the Elementary Education Fund which may be used for the upkeep of such schools.

Scholarships to Muslim students in Coimbatore district.

* 222-B Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED : Will the hon the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state what is the number of scholarships awarded to Muslim boys and girls by Government in the district of Coimbatore during the last five years and what is their individual and aggregate value ?

A.—A statement showing the particulars is appended.[a]

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